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For: METHOD OF ETCHING)
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.196(b)(1)

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Sir :

A response to the Decision on Appeal dated August 14, 2003 (Paper No. 25) is due by October 14, 2003. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to Paper No. 25, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7, 11, 13 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 8, and 12 and add new claims 15-22 as shown in the attached LISTING OF CLAIMS.